

important, it symbolized once again the characteristic that makes this country more remarkable than any other country, the idea that anything is possible.

People in other parts of the world look at the United States, and they don't always approve of us, but they know one thing is different about us: that we are not a country based on blood or race or the color of our skin or where our grandparents came from; that we are based upon our common belief in a few ideas, most of which are incorporated in two founding documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. But one of those ideas is just in our character, and that is this irrational, fervent belief that in this country, anything is possible. Senator MARTINEZ, Senator SALAZAR, and former Senator Barack Obama all represent that beautifully, and that makes this a very special day.

I thank the President, I yield the floor.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon tomorrow, Wednesday, January 21; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to executive session as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. NELSON of Nebraska). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REED. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will consider the nomination of HILLARY CLINTON to be Secretary of State, with up to 3 hours for debate prior to a vote. Under a previous order, the Senate will recess for the weekly caucus luncheons from 12:45 until 2:15 p.m. Senators should expect a rollcall vote on confirmation of the Clinton nomination around 4:30 p.m., if all time is used.

Following executive session, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 181, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Additional rollcall votes are possible throughout the afternoon in relation to the Lilly Ledbetter bill.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. REED. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:58 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 12 noon.

#### NOMINATIONS

##### Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

THOMAS ANDREW DASCHLE, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

KENNETH LEE SALAZAR, OF COLORADO, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

TIMOTHY F. GEITHNER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

##### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ERIC H. HOLDER, JR., OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

LISA PEREZ JACKSON, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

RONALD KIRK, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

##### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RAY LAHOOD, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUSAN E. RICE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CHRISTINA DUCKWORTH ROMER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, VICE EDWARD P. LAZEAR.

##### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

HILDA L. SOLIS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR.

##### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SHAUN L. S. DONOVAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

THOMAS J. VILSACK, OF IOWA, TO BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

##### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

ERIC K. SHINSEKI, OF HAWAII, TO BE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PETER R. ORSZAG, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

##### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

JANET ANN NAPOLITANO, OF ARIZONA, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

##### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ARNE DUNCAN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE.

SUSAN E. RICE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

##### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

STEVEN CHU, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF ENERGY.

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JANE LUBCHENCO, OF OREGON, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE, VICE CONRAD LAUTENBACHER, JR., RESIGNED.

##### OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

DENNIS CUTLER BLAIR, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, VICE J. MICHAEL MCCONNELL, RESIGNED.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ROBERT L. NABORS II, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, VICE STEPHEN S. MCMILLIN, RESIGNED.

CECILIA ELENA ROUSE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, VICE DONALD B. MARRON, RESIGNED.

##### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

MARY L. SCHAPIRO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 5, 2014, VICE CHRISTOPHER COX, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES BRADY STEINBERG, OF TEXAS, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE JOHN D. NEGROPONTE.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NANCY HELEN SUTLEY, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, VICE JAMES LAURENCE CONNAUGHTON.

##### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

DANIEL K. TARULLO, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2008, VICE RANDALL S. KROZNER, TERM EXPIRED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JACOB J. LEW, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES. (NEW POSITION)

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JEH CHARLES JOHNSON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE DEFENSE, VICE WILLIAM J. HAYNES II, RESIGNED.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN P. HOLDREN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, VICE JOHN H. MARBURGER, III.

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ROBERT F. HALE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER), VICE TINA WESTBY JONAS, RESIGNED.

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

AUSTAN DEAN GOOLSBEE, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, VICE KATHERINE BAICKER, RESIGNED.

##### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

GARY GENSLER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION, VICE REUBEN JEFFERY III, RESIGNED.

GARY GENSLER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2012, VICE REUBEN JEFFERY III, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHELE A. FLOURNOY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY, VICE ERIC S. EDELMAN, RESIGNED.

WILLIAM J. LYNN, III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE GORDON ENGLAND.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

##### Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate: Tuesday, January 20, 2009

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

THOMAS J. VILSACK, OF IOWA, TO BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

##### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ARNE DUNCAN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

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STEVEN CHU, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF ENERGY.

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